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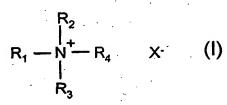
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atoms, or phenyl, A is C₂H₄ and/or C₃H₆ and n is a number from 0 to 20, which composition is characterized in that it contains less than 20 % by weight of water.

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